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In re Application of: **Carol Morris et al.** )

Application No. 09/367,009 )

Group Art Unit: 1642

Filed: November 8, 1999 )

Examiner: **Minh-Tam B. Davis**For: **Diagnosis of Disease Using Tears** )Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C' --The third new protein WDPKE (SEQ ID NO: 2) (spot 10) has no related proteins in the database.--

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following amended claims for pending claims 10-11:

C<sup>2</sup> 10. (Once Amended) An isolated protein detectable in tears having an amino acid N-terminus selected from the group consisting of:  
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);  
WDPKE (SEQ ID NO: 2); and  
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN  
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3).

11. (Once Amended) An isolated protein detectable in tears including the amino acid sequence:  
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN  
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3), or fragment thereof.